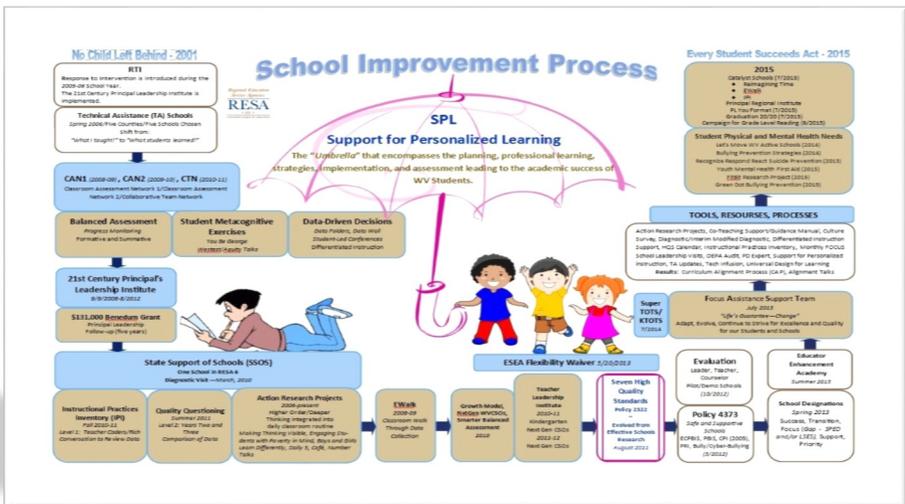


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Nick P. Zervos, Executive Director



The School Improvement Process has been continuously evolving beginning with No Child Left Behind (2001) to the current Every Student Succeeds Act (2015). In 2005, Response to Intervention was introduced along with the Principal Leadership Institute. Five schools in five counties were chosen as Technical Assistance (TA) schools and the shift from “What I taught!” to “What students Learned!” began.

Classroom Assessment Network 1 and 2 (CAN1, CAN2) were initiated in 2008 and 2009 respectively with the Collaborative Team Network (CTN) beginning in 2010. These initiatives included balanced assessment, student metacognitive exercises, and data-driven decisions. From 2008 to 2012, the 21st Century Principal’s Leadership Institute was held thanks to a \$131,000 Benedum Grant.

March, 2010 saw the beginning of State Support of Schools (SSOS). Instructional Inventory Practices (IPI), Quality Questioning, and Action Research Projects were all supported by SSOS. Classroom walk-through data collection was made possible with the beginning of EWalk in 2008. In 2010, Growth Model, NxtGen WVCOS, and Smarter Balanced Assessment were introduced along with Teacher Leadership Institute.

The Seven High Quality Standards (Policy 2322) evolved from Effective Schools Research. Safe and Supportive Schools (Policy 4373) includes Early Childhood Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (ECPBIS), Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS), Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) training, and Bullying/Cyber-Bullying.

In 2013, Focus Assistance Teams were formed to work with schools to adapt, evolve, and continue to strive for excellence and quality for students and schools. Beginning with the Educator Enhancement Academy to roll out the Next Generation Standards, the Trainers of Trainers (TOTs) and Kindergarten Trainers of Trainers (KTOTs) brought teachers together to prepare to return to their schools and train their colleagues.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (2015) brought with it Catalyst Schools, Reimaging Time, EWalk, IPI, Principal Regional Institute using the PL You Format, Graduation 20/20, and Campaign for Grade Level Reading.

“I firmly believe that in order to teach a child well, you must know a child well.”
 Dr. Michael J. Martirano, WV State Superintendent

Spring PRI Guest Speaker:



Dr. Michael J. Martirano

WV State Superintendent

On March 15, 2016, WV State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Michael J. Martirano, attended RESA 6’s Spring Principal Regional Institute, and he presented an energetic and heartfelt message to the administrative leaders of this region’s school systems. In his speech, Dr. Martirano outlined four important points for the future of West Virginia’s schools: Relationships, Vision, Process, and Product.

RESA 6 is very appreciative of the time and message Dr. Martirano shared with the educators of this region, and we look forward to continued successes under his leadership.

To view Dr. Martirano’s Spring PRI Speech in its entirety, please send a request to Jon Pollock, jpollock@k12.wv.us



STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S ENTRY AND VISION PLAN
**ONE VOICE, ONE FOCUS:
 ALL STUDENTS ACHIEVING**
 Creating a World-Class Educational System for the State of West Virginia

October 16, 2014



Regional School Improvement Collaborative



In January 2016, each RESA presented, individually, to the WVDE Office of School Improvement (OSI) and the WVDE Office of Federal Programs (OSF) their proposal

to build a State-wide collaborative system between the SEAs, RESAs, and LEAs (Collaborative). The Collaborative is intended to build capacity, strengthen relationships, and share products, processes, and tools through a Comprehensive Professional Learning Management System (CPLMS). The Collaborative will identify, categorize, and make available the hallmarks of excellence in products, processes, and tools through a CPLMS.

Prior to the March 4, 2016, RSIC meeting, each RESA completed and submitted to the OSI a 'Needs Assessment' that was guided by a seven section multi-question matrix.

On March 4, 2016, RESA 7 hosted the initial RSIC meeting that included representatives from eight RESAs and the WVDE. Christy Miller, Executive Director of the OSI, served as the meeting moderator. During the first phase of the conference several topics, such as the purpose of the Collaborative, an overview of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and the framework for the collaborative, student and community support work share were discussed or presented.

To begin the second phase, all attendees participated in an activity that modeled the potential when people work towards a common goal. The participants were then divided into groups that had representation from each RESA. Each group, facilitated by a WVDE representative, was provided a Collaborative theme and engaged in a roundtable discussion. A group spokesperson then reported their findings to participants. The round table discussion activity highlighted the potential positive impact the RSIC can have on student and teacher learning. This phase concluded with Greg Minnich, RESA 6 Finance Director, briefly discussing the CPLMS currently being developed to manage RESA 6 products, processes and tools.

On April 11, 2016, a follow up RSIC meeting was held at RESA 3. The collaborative meeting was robust and productive. Consensus was reached for the Norms, the Vision, the Mission, and Goals for the RSIP. Greg Minnich presented a prototype electronic model of the CPLMS. The day ended with the RESA/WVDE Executive Directors agreeing to schedule a follow up RSIC meeting on May 16, 2016, with a focus on the Learning School Process.

Each RESA creates and uses exemplary products, processes and tools to support Local and State initiatives for LEAs. Capturing and making available these practices of excellence to the RSIC, through the CPLMS, will provide powerful learning school resources. These RSIC meetings continue to unlock the opportunity to build capacity, strengthen relationships, and continuously 'raise the bar' in the education of our youth. We are excited to actively participate in the Regional School Improvement Collaborative.



Professional Learning School

As the school year is wrapping up, so are our regional Catalyst Schools: Weir Middle in Hancock County, Hooverson Heights Elementary in Brooke County, Middle Creek Elementary in Ohio County, and Hilltop Elementary in Marshall County. Each of these schools is having a successful year as they continue to enhance its school environment to promote Professional Learning. Teachers and administrators share best practices, data and research, and collaborative communities. They are building relationships and resources, creating a professional network based on the Professional Learning Standards which are:

- Learning Communities
- Leadership
- Resources
- Data
- Learning Designs
- Implementations
- Outcomes



These schools will become model schools for our region, as **all schools will become "Professional Learning School" for the 2016-17 school year according to Policy 5500.** An overall view of Professional Learning Schools was shared and demonstrated at the RESA 6 Spring PRI. Currently, both Ohio and Marshall Counties have had Principal Leadership Meetings in which RESA 6 staff has shared an overview and tools, as well as facilitated discussion on Learning School.

RESA 6 has acquired a grant in which each school in our region will have the option to utilize the Standards Assessment Inventory (SAI) Survey. This will assess the needs of each individual school to set goals, designing their own professional learning. If your county or school is interested in this survey or would like additional support, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Marian Kajfez mkajfez@k12.wv.us or Mary Kay Reisinger mreising@k12.wv.us





West Virginia Adult Education Association Sponsors “Legislative Day”

On February 11, 2016, adult education and SPOKES students, instructors, and administrators came from all over the state to take part in WVAEA’s first Legislative Day at West Virginia’s State Capitol. Participants visited their legislators, helped to staff WVAEA’s information table, attended the legislative session to listen to debates on pending legislation, and toured the Capitol building.

In addition to thanking state legislators for their continued support of free high school equivalency testing, students also asked legislators to consider expanding the Promise scholarship to include graduates of adult education programs. Under the current law, only adult education students who apply for the scholarship within two years of the earlier of attaining a diploma or the date their high school class would have graduated are eligible for the Promise. Most delegates and senators indicated support for the idea and were very appreciative of the efforts of our programs and students.

Prior to WVAEA Legislative Day, instructors were provided with material to use in their classrooms to help students understand the legislative process and the importance of civic participation. Instructors and students who were unable to attend the event were asked to contact their legislators about continued support for adult education and SPOKES programs.

WVAEA thanks all of the students and instructors who participated in this effort. All who attended agreed that it was very successful (and educational)! WVAEA is already planning its second Legislative Day at the 2017 session of the West Virginia legislature. So stay tuned!

Digital Badge Credentials for WVAdult Education

With the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Adult Education is charged with increasing opportunities for our students to enter post-secondary education and family sustaining employment. As a part of this goal, our students are earning certifications in customer service, and more certifications are to follow.

We understand our students’ commitment to lifelong learning is not always recognized by a certificate or credential, and that is why we are implementing a micro-credentialing system with digital badges in adult education. Digital badges acknowledge the skills and knowledge students develop in our classrooms, as they pursue non-traditional pathways to meet their educational goals.

West Virginia Adult Education will issue badges for students who complete career pathways programs, units of the SPOKES Transitions Curriculum in adult education classrooms, and for instructors who are certified in distance education. Digital badges for FastTRACK Programs will become available in the future.

To learn more about digital badges in West Virginia Adult Education and how to request them for your students, view the Micro-Credentials in the WVAdultEd Mix.

<https://mix.office.com/watch/1njbesi2s4w9s>

If you have questions about digital badges, please contact

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Moving Pathways Forward fosters a “Community of Learning” between WVNC, employers, Workforce West Virginia, Ohio County Adult Education, and program participants

“Moving Pathways Forward” Enhances Adult Education in the Northern Panhandle

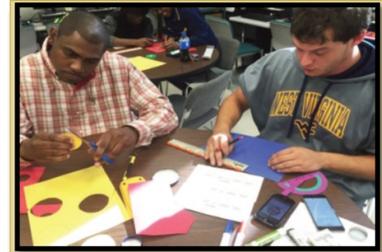
Today’s workplace demands more than a high school/equivalency diploma. Employers need employees who are reliable, customer focused, and able to add value quickly to the workplace. Employees must demonstrate a myriad of technical and soft skills in order to meet high standards of attendance, safety, productivity, and quality. *Moving Pathways Forward* offers adult program participants (employed, unemployed, or underemployed) with exciting new programming options that motivate resourcefulness, creativity, and a practical understanding of how to convert current talents, skills, and abilities into a career pathway that offers personal, economic, and professional satisfaction and growth.

A cross-functional team comprised of representatives of the Ohio County School System, West Virginia Northern Community College, Workforce West Virginia, Economic Development, the WV Department of Education, and other partners was developed to launch *Moving Pathways Forward*, an adult education initiative. The class site was located on the West Virginia Northern Community College campus and provided an excellent opportunity to pilot a nine-week bridge course. The intent was to find a group of participants interested in the manufacturing, oil and gas industry, committed to regular attendance, and wanting more than a high school equivalency degree. This Career Pathways course engaged learners to explore careers; develop realistic career plans; determine the skills needed to be successful in that career; and build academic and work readiness competencies. Program completers were provided opportunities to earn credentials, to choose to enter the petroleum technology, mechatronics, or other technical programs at West Virginia Northern, or to obtain employment.

The Career Pathways program focused on skill development applicable to the manufacturing and energy fields; it started October 12 and concluded December 16. Program participants had diverse backgrounds including dislocated workers, individuals contemplating a career change, adults seeking a high school equivalency diploma, and all seeking employment, college entry, or both. The nine-week course provided students with a contextualized curriculum that encompassed goal setting, career exploration and planning, academic preparation, work readiness soft skills, preparation for entry into a post-secondary education or training, and employability skill development.

A Navigator role was developed to support both class participants and instructors. That individual met weekly with participants to assess progress, encourage barrier resolution, motivate career plan implementation, schedule guest speakers and tours, share community resources, interface with partners, encourage joint problem solving, and follow up on client success after program completion. Participants researched careers, developed job search portfolios and panel interviewing skills, and engaged in meaningful discussions with guest speakers representing business, industry, workforce development, education, the trades, and community services. Topics included SMART goal setting, career exploration, the college enrollment and financial aid application process, Individual Training Accounts through Workforce West Virginia Career Center, trade apprenticeships, health and safety, substance abuse prevention, portfolio development, interviewing techniques, networking, and job search strategies, among others. Students developed confidence in networking, fact-finding, as well as written and verbal communications skills.

Moving Pathways Forward programming provides participants with the encouragement, connections, and resources to support their journey toward a new, more rewarding career. Adult Education learning centers assist individuals with obtaining a high school equivalency diploma, refreshing digital literacy or soft skills, re-planning their careers, as well as preparing to pursue education and training BEYOND high school.



Contextualized Instruction Engages Participants & Builds Skills.



Jim Bogolea, Wheeling Nisshin, describes the attributes of an effective employee



Logan Burkhart, TecnoCap LLC, explains the manufacturing process.



Joe Eddy, Eagle Manufacturing, explains essential business skills



Kim McConaughy and Cindy West in Panel Interview Debrief with Greg Osbourne (Southwest Energy), Jim Bogolea (Wheeling-Nisshin), and Lisa Shafer (Workforce WV- Job Services)



FAST News: Bethany Student Teacher Sessions

In partnership with Bethany College and arranged through Mr. Dave Wood, the RESA 6 FAST team had the opportunity to present on current information and strategies in the world of education to some very special young adults who are currently engaged in Bethany College's Elementary Education (Grades K-6) or Middle Childhood Education (Grades 5-9) programs.

Joseph Paolo, Cheryl Tuba, Michelle Hogan, and Jon Pollock provided resources and presented information on Classroom Management, Metacognitive Strategies, Co-Teaching, Engaging Students with Poverty in Mind, Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies, the WV Standards for High Quality Schools, and current types of and uses for Instructional Technology. The sessions were held at RESA 6 on January 20th and 21st.



Upper Ohio Valley

Fire & Rescue School

The 18th Annual Upper Ohio Valley Fire and Rescue School was held at Brooke High School on March 19 & 20, 2016. There were 200 First Responders in attendance over the two days of training representing Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS agencies.

First Responders from many local agencies were in attendance as well as responders from as far as Toledo, Ohio and Bethesda, Maryland.

The list of classes this year included several new topics:

Junior Officer Development—this course looked at the “Buddy to Boss” aspect in how you balance the old peer relationship and new supervisor-subordinate relationship in and out of the fire station.

Fire Fighting Series Staying Alive—this class helped the firefighter prepare for a survival emergency but also help them avoid these situations.

Incident Safety Officer—specific focus on operations within an Incident Command System as a Safety Officer was the main theme.

Other classes conducted included Meth Lab Awareness for First Responders, Active Shooter Awareness for First Responders, Auto Rescue, Basic Pump and Pumping Operations, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Fire Investigation, Fire Fighting for Juniors, Live Fire Training Evolutions, Rescue Scenarios and Vehicle Fires.

A special thank you goes out Brooke High School for allowing their facility to be used as well as the members of the Hooverson Heights VFD. Without their hard work this school would not be possible.

Other sponsors of the school include the West Virginia Division of Technical & Adult Education, Wheeling Nisshin, A.V. Lattamus Communications, Weirton Medical Center, Wellsburg VFD and Colliers VFD.





RESA 6 Regional Social Studies Fair was held at Sherrard Middle School on March 12, 2016. Students from Marshall, Ohio and Wetzel Counties participated. Arica Holt, Principal of Center McMechen Elementary School, facilitated the event. Students qualifying for participation at the West Virginia State Social Studies competition on Friday, April 15 in Charleston, WV are the First Place finishers listed.

First Place:

Division I, Anthropology, Individual: Tyler Minch, Marshall County
 Division I, Anthropology, Group: Aubre Cain-Loy & Audrey Bock, Marshall County
 Division I, Economics, Individual: Joseph Metheny, Wetzel County
 Division I, Economics, Group: Kaylee Strobe & Annie Martin, Marshall County
 Division I, Geography, Individual: Brooke Reynolds, Marshall County
 Division I, Geography, Group: Lexie Finley & Lilly Roman, Marshall County
 Division I, Political Science, Individual: Olivia Thornton, Marshall County
 Division I, Political Science, Group: Corrine Heil & Mallory McElhoes, Ohio County
 Division I, Psychology, Individual: Jace Bartsch, Marshall County
 Division I, Psychology, Group: Zander Henderson, Braden Sobotka & Brennen Sobotka, Marshall County
 Division I, Sociology, Individual: Kieremy Riggle, Marshall County
 Division I, Sociology, Group: Sydney Hess & Payton Turcker, Marshall County
 Division I, State and Local Studies, Individual: Kady McClure, Wetzel County
 Division I, State and Local Studies, Group: Bailey Arms, Bailey Rogers & Cole Burkett, Marshall County
 Division I, U.S. History, Individual: Brendan Parks, Marshall County
 Division I, U.S. History, Group: Ava Hawkins & Reese Ward, Marshall County
 Division I, World History, Individual: Mariana Alkouri, Ohio County
 Division I, World History, Group: Levi Pyle, Tye Clark & Kade Norris, Marshall County

Division II, Anthropology, Individual: Ella Costain, Marshall County
 Division II, Anthropology, Group: Gabriel Hicks & Luke Ochsenbein, Marshall County
 Division II, Economics, Individual: Emily Coram, Ohio County
 Division II, Economics, Group: Cole O'Neil, Ian Bush & Clayton Bryan, Marshall County
 Division II, Geography, Individual: Andrew Kent, Ohio County
 Division II, Geography, Group: Natalie Keim & Marisa Horan, Marshall County
 Division II, Political Science, Individual: Emily Anderson, Marshall County
 Division II, Political Science, Group: Bristol Bertram & Brooklyn Bell, Marshall County
 Division II, Psychology, Individual: Austin Smay, Ohio County
 Division II, Psychology, Group: Jesse Riding & Derek Black, Marshall County
 Division II, Sociology, Individual: Rachel Price, Wetzel County
 Division II, Sociology, Group: Kaitlyn Bailey & Brylee Henderson, Marshall County
 Division II, State and Local Studies, Individual: Ally Sarras, Ohio County
 Division II, State and Local Studies, Group: Breanna Herrick & Jazlyn Ingold, Wetzel County
 Division II, U.S. History, Individual: Justin Riggs, Ohio County
 Division II, U.S. History, Individual: Lance Finley, Marshall County
 Division II, U.S. History, Group: Abreigh Walker, Taylor West & Amia Williams, Marshall County
 Division II, World History, Individual: Savannah Horner, Wetzel County
 Division II, World History, Individual: Lucia Perri, Ohio County
 Division II, World History, Group: Jessica & Creed Kidney, Marshall County



Grade 4 (cont.)

Third Place: Zac Davis—Ohio County
 Second Place: Kathryn Prather—Ohio County
 First Place: Grant Kenamond—Ohio County

Grade 5

Estimation Room Winner: Jonah Nizami—Ohio County
 First Alternate: Adam Lafollett—Ohio County
 Third Place: Jacob Huffman—Ohio County
 Second Place: Louis Delatore—Brooke County
 First Place: Jonah Nizami—Ohio County

Grade 6

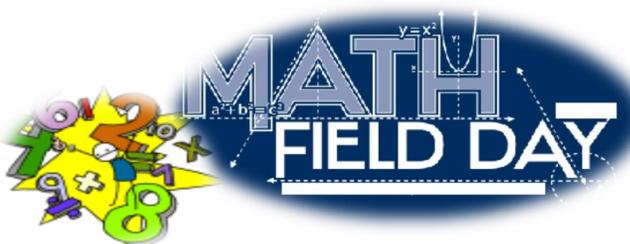
Estimation Room Winner: Andrew Heil—Wetzel County
 First Alternate: Eddie Marks—Brooke County
 Third Place: Erin Brogan—Ohio County
 Second Place: Andrew Heil—Wetzel County
 First Place: Nathan Dieffenbaugher—Ohio County

Grade 7

Estimation Room Winner: Fiona Hutchison—Ohio County
 First Alternate: Fiona Hutchison—Ohio County
 Third Place: Zara Zervos—Marshall County
 Second Place: Presley Pierce—Wetzel County
 First Place: Walter Heitz—Marshall County

Grade 8

Estimation Room Winner: Joshua Rice -Wetzel County
 First Alternate: Leah Gaudino—Ohio County



RESA 6 Regional Math Field Day was held at Wheeling Park High School on March 5, 2016. Students from all five counties participated. Sue Hvizdos, WPHS Math Department Chair, facilitated the event. Students qualifying for participation at the West Virginia State Math Field Day competition on Saturday, April 30 at Fairmont State University include the top three students in grades 4 through 9 and the top ten students in grades 10 through 12.

Grade 4

Estimation Room Winner: Grant Kenamond—Ohio County
 First Alternate: Chrstian Packer—Brooke County

Second Place (tie): Johnny Bober—Brooke County & Lydia Bischof—Ohio County
 First Place: Joshua Rice—Wetzel County

Grade 9

First Alternate: Ashley Linder—Ohio County
 Third Place: Emily Donley—Brooke County
 Second Place: Aleksey Rasz—Brooke County
 First Place: Lillian Bischof—Ohio County

Grades 10-12

Fourth Alternate: Kayley Miller —Ohio County
 Third Alternate: Dominic Campetti—Marshall County
 Second Alternate: Reis Petrovich—Hancock County
 First Alternate: Heather Shook—Marshall County
 Tenth Place: John Fox—Brooke County
 Ninth Place: Hannah Thomas—Marshall County
 Eighth Place: Gus Schmidt—Ohio County
 Seventh Place: Troy Boughner—Wetzel County
 Sixth Place: Lydia Russell—Ohio County
 Fifth Place: William Sellers—Ohio County
 Fourth Place: Mary Prather—Ohio County
 Third Place: Thomas Nagy—Ohio County
 Second Place: Dalton Minger—Brooke County
 First Place: Matt Stonebraker—Hancock County

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The region's high school youth sharpened their Science skills and strengthened their empirical knowledge foundations to compete in the annual National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), RESA 6 Regional Science Bowl on Thursday, December 3rd. This year's participants were Wheeling Park High School, Wheeling Central High School, John Marshall High School, Weir High School, and Hundred High School. Over 70 students from the region competed for a qualifying position to the State Science Bowl in Morgantown this in February.

The final results for the RESA 6 regional competition were:

- 1st place, Wheeling Park High School, Team A
- 2nd place, Wheeling Park High School, Team B
- 3rd place, Wheeling Central Catholic High School, Team A
- 4th place, Wheeling Central Catholic High School, Team B

RESA 6 wishes to thank all participants and volunteers, and West Liberty University for hosting the event at the Highlands Center. It was a good day, a great competition, and an excellent display of the region's youthful intellect. Until next year, keep hypothesizing and theorizing, and never stop questioning.

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